

Deficiency Progress Report - Update 2

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To complete the evaluation process, Cal/EPA requires the CUPAs to submit Deficiency Progress Reports that explain the CUPA's progress towards correcting the identified deficiencies. Deficiency Progress Reports are due every 90 days after the evaluation date until all deficiencies have been corrected.

CUPA: Siskiyou County
Public Health and Community Development
Environmental Health Division

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Date Update 1 submitted: August 28, 2008

Deficiencies corrected with update 1: Deficiency 5

Date update 2 submitted: December 10, 2008

Deficiencies corrected with update 2: Deficiency 2

Deficiency 2: The CUPA has not established the financial management procedures (including annually reviewing and updating their fee accountability program) that the CUPA is implementing

Preliminary Corrective Action(s): By September 30, 2009, the CUPA will submit the FY 08/09 required fee accountability information to Cal/EPA.

By November 24, 2008, the CUPA will establish the financial management procedures.

CUPA Corrective Action, (Update 1): Siskiyou CUPA is currently in the process of reviewing the fee accountability program. Program in place is working well. Collections have been very satisfactory. Also new fee schedule will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors next month.

Cal/EPA Response: Cal/EPA accepts the progress Siskiyou County is making towards correcting this deficiency. Cal/EPA will continue to track the progress being made to correct this deficiency via the deficiency progress reports and looks forward to reviewing the FY 08/09 fee accountability information and financial management procedures on the next progress update. The next report is due November 18, 2008.

CUPA Corrective Action: Siskiyou CUPA is close to finalizing their financial management procedures document and will provide a copy to Cal/EPA for the next report due February 18, 2009.

Cal/EPA Response: Cal/EPA has received the financial management procedures submitted to our office on 1/7/2009 and upon review considers this deficiency corrected.

Deficiency 3: The CUPA is neither regulating farms under the business plan program, nor properly exempting them from the provisions of the business plan program.

Preliminary Corrective Action(s): By November 24, 2008, the CUPA will develop a plan outlining how farm businesses will be regulated under the business plan program, or how these businesses will be exempted.

CUPA Corrective Action, (Update 1): Siskiyou CUPA is in the process of exploring farm exemptions to the Hazardous Materials Business Plan program. CUPA is working with local rural fire departments to gain input into the process.

OES Response: With the next quarterly update, due November 18, 2008, please outline your progress toward developing an exemption process, and any other progress made toward correcting this deficiency. Your efforts to correct this deficiency according to the preliminary corrective action plan are on target.

CUPA Corrective Action, (Update 2): Siskiyou CUPA attended the fire chiefs meeting to present a plan to exempt some Ag handlers. The meeting went well, and the Chiefs association passed a motion to support the exemption. At their next meeting in February the written proposal will be submitted for signature.

OES Response: With the next quarterly update, please report your progress on finalizing your agricultural handler exemption. If the exemption has been finalized by that time, please include a copy of the resolution or of the approved exemption.